

Grayslake Record



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Sustainable Landscaping Consultations

Openlands is now scheduling spring appointments to help homeowners, businesses, and institutions manage their properties in ways that support aesthetics, stormwater management, and ecological resilience. On-site, outdoor property visits are provided by a staff Landscape Ecologist. Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs, and may address stormwater, the selection of native trees and other plants, the control of invasive species, and tree and lawn care.

Openlands is a nationally accredited land trust serving northeastern Illinois since 1963. Openlands.org/beautiful.

Free Textile Recycling

You can recycle the textiles you no longer need at the Grayslake Public Works facility, 585 Berry Avenue (Mon-Fri 8-3; Sat 8-12). For a full list of accepted items please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com. About 95% of the materials collected will be repurposed or recycled.

Trustee Vacancy

On March 1, 2022, Trustee Adam Shores announced his resignation, effective April 1, 2022. Trustee Shores and his family are relocating outside of the Village. Trustee Shores has served as a Village Trustee since 2016. The Village is better off today because of his time on the Village Board and I thank him for his service to our community.

I am currently accepting applications for the vacancy. Applicants must be registered voters and live in the corporate boundaries of the Village. Please submit a resume and a cover letter to the Deputy Village Clerk, Jennifer Hess at jhess@villageofgrayslake.com. In the cover letter please provide the following:

1. Why you are interested in serving on the Village Board.
2. Record of community service, including with civic organizations, church/religious organizations, volunteer positions, etc.
3. Previous government experience professionally or in a volunteer capacity, if applicable.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, close of business.

Rhett Taylor
Mayor, Village of Grayslake

Take part in the 2022 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation!

Help Grayslake become "water wise"! Between April 1-30 our community is coming together to do our part to conserve water, energy, and other natural resources. Take your pledge at www.mywaterpledge.com to receive daily conservation challenges for you and your family. By doing our part, we can save on consumer costs, protect ecosystems, and promote positive change in our community.

Aquatic Center Memberships On Sale Now!

Memberships for the 2022 Aquatic Center season are still available at a discounted price! Guarantee a summer of fun for the whole family and purchase yours today! Spend your summer poolside and create family memories that will last a lifetime! For more information please visit www.swimgrayslake.com or call 847-223-7665.

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Reminders

Garbage & Recycle Can Placement Reminder

Residents are reminded to place their garbage and recycle cans and yard waste out for pick-up no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before their regular pick-up day. After refuse is picked up, garbage and recycle cans must be placed either on the side or back of the house or inside the garage per Village ordinance.

Storage of Recreational Vehicles/Trailers Not Allowed

Storage of a recreational vehicle, jet-ski or boat in a driveway or in the front yard of residential property is prohibited by Village Code. Trailers are prohibited on residential lots.

Senior Citizen Electricity Surcharge Rebate

Eligible individuals can submit copies of their past electric bills dated April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022 to seniorrebate@villageofgrayslake.com. Residents may also submit copies in-person at Village Hall, 10 S. Seymour Ave or the drop-box located just outside the Village Hall front door. The Village's senior citizen electricity surcharge rebate reimburses individuals 65 years of age or older (as of April 1, 2021) for the amount of electricity surcharge paid on their electric bill during the previous year, not to exceed \$20. A valid driver's license or ID is required. Past electric bills will be accepted April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022.

From the Mayor...

The Village spends significant time on its financial planning, forecasting and budgeting. These efforts help the organization to assess the financial implications, both short and long term, of different services and/or capital decision options. This has helped the Village limit increases in its per person operating spending which has increased almost 35% less than inflation since 1992.

An important benefit of the planning/forecasting is the ability to anticipate future financial issues before they are actually present. This provides time to make revenue/cost adjustments to smooth any projected difficulties before services are interrupted or planned community improvements are delayed. As the nation experiences the current inflationary environment we can adjust our plans for these conditions to try to preserve services and minimize costs for our customers.

In the last 20 or so years the nation has experienced economic difficulties which adversely affected municipal revenues. The unexpected recent pandemic period disrupted operations and hurt local revenues. When this happens local governments often cut services and defer community improvements and vital infrastructure until later. Due to our financial planning, and our controlled operating spending, the Village has come through these disrupting events while maintaining service levels and even adding some select new services. Importantly our infrastructure projects and community improvement initiatives have been uninterrupted over the last two decades.

As part of our planning we also adopted a ten-year capital plan that is used to make community improvements decisions and invest in important infrastructure without assuming debt. These plans are reviewed annually based on the latest information. These capital investments included road expansions, flood control

projects, improvements to the Grayslake Village Center, sustainability projects, and neighborhood improvements. Our regular annual street resurfacing program has stayed on schedule.

In the next twelve months, despite the pandemic and inflationary pressures, the Village will be able to pay for two major economic development projects without debt. The two projects, which are in the Village's Central Range Economic Development Initiative Area along Peterson Road, include a new one million gallon water tower and a second water system connection to the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency. The projects will cost a total of \$4.6 million and developers will pay about 60% of these costs. Both projects, which help provide reliable water and fire protection to the southern portions of Grayslake, will make this business area more attractive for new businesses to join our local economy. In the long run, this will create new job opportunities, add to the area's non-residential tax base, and create new opportunities for existing businesses. The Village's financial, economic development, and infrastructure planning will all have contributed to making future economic development more possible.

As usual, the Village will also be constructing new community improvements in the Village Center and other areas in the coming year. These will include work on infrastructure, downtown sidewalks, road resurfacing, native planting areas and other projects. All this will be done within our adopted plans.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions you might have or any topics you would like to see addressed in the monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,



Rhett Taylor, Mayor

Grayslake Historical Society

In 1946 a new chapter in the history of Grayslake began. Grayslake and its surrounding area now had its own four-year high school. During the next seventy-five years, additions were made to the original building and another campus was added. The halls and walls of these structures heard about and experiences bonfires, dances, sports events, plays, concerts and the list goes on. The Grayslake Historical Society is requesting past and present students, administrations, teachers, board members and others to share their memories by submitting a 400 to 1200 word story to Grayslake Historical Society, P. O. Box 185, Grayslake, Illinois 60030 or to ChaRenehan@aol.com before April 15.

Grayslake Park District Spring Program Guide

The Grayslake Park District's digital Spring Program Guide is now available to the public and offers hundreds of recreational opportunities for all ages! More so, the Grayslake Golf Course is officially open for play and welcomes both residents and non-residents. Looking for employment or volunteer opportunities? Visit the Park District's website to learn more.

To FIND YOUR FUN, register for programs, or fill out an application visit: www.glpd.com

Village Announcements

Seasonal Public Works Department Employment

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for Public Works seasonal positions working from approximately May 15th to August 15th. The positions are for 40 hours per week ranging from \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour based on experience. Typical duties for these positions include landscaping, painting, litter removal, tree trimming and other general maintenance.

Applications are available at www.villageofgrayslake.com and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 15, to Village Hall, Attn: Jennifer Hess, 10 S. Seymour Avenue or to jhess@villageofgrayslake.com.

Household Chemical Waste Collection Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a household chemical waste collection event on Saturday, April 30 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Fox Lake Streets Department, 216 Washington Street, Fox Lake.

For more information please visit www.swalco.org or call 847-336-9340.

Yard Waste Clean-Up Week of April 18th

This service will take place during the week of April 18th. There is no extra cost to residents for this service. Residents may set out an unlimited amount of yard waste for this one-time pick-up. When putting out yard waste, residents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Yard waste (up to 50 pounds) must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or plastic garbage containers (up to 32 gallon) clearly marked "yard waste".
- All branches should be tied in bundles no more than 2' in diameter and 4' long.
- Yard waste should be placed at the street after 6:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up.

During the yard waste pick-up season (April through November), residents may use the yard waste sticker subscription service. Yard waste pick-ups occur on the same day as your regular garbage and recycle pick-up.

Full-Time Employment Opportunity Public Works Department Laborer

The Village is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time position of Laborer within the Village's Public Works Department. This is a full-time crew worker position, performing non-skilled and limited semi-skilled labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and be able to perform routine labor tasks in order to maintain Village streets, buildings, grounds, landscaping, rights-of-way and water and sewer utilities. The position will be expected to assist in the village's snow plow operations. The work schedule can vary depending on weather and other factors. The starting salary for this position is \$43,493 with an excellent benefit package. A minimum level of experience in manual labor work and in the operation of light and medium equipment is required; or any equivalent combination of training and experience. The successful applicant will be required to submit to a pre-employment physical examination and drug test. Applicants should possess a CDL driver's license or be eligible to obtain one within three months of hire. Interested candidates should complete and submit an employment application to: Jennifer Hess, Deputy Village Clerk, jhess@villageofgrayslake.com. The position will be open until filled. The Village of Grayslake is an equal opportunity employer.

Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum

- Spring is here! Join us in-person, online, or outside, be sure to check online for the latest updates about hours and programs!
- Search & Share Genealogy. Share your genealogy triumphs and struggles with the Grayslake Historical Society on the first Wednesday at 2 PM of each month.
- Shop'n'Swirl Wine Walk. Saturday, April 9 from 2-5 PM. Taste a lil' wine while shopping at your favorite Grayslake small businesses and win fabulous prizes! Tickets are \$30 at shopnswirl.eventbrite.com while still available.
- Mark Dvorak. Sunday, April 10 at 7 PM. Join the Lake County Folk Club at Village Hall as they host Mark Dvorak, who has been called "a folk singer's folk singer." Tickets are \$18/General Public, \$15/Seniors, \$13/Folk Club Members.
- Grayslake History Trail. Wednesday, April 13 at 7 PM. Michelle Poe, Executive Director of the Heritage Center, will share behind the scenes stories and the history of this award-winning special project at the Grayslake Historical Society's annual meeting. Join in person or on Facebook Live.
- Exhibit Spotlight. Friday, April 29 at 1 PM. Tune into Facebook Live for this month's Earth Day themed Exhibit Spotlight! Each month we tell the story behind a photo or object on display in an exhibit.
- MayFest. Saturday, May 7. Join the Grayslake Arts Alliance for their annual MayFest celebration at the Heritage Center.

For more information about these and other initiatives, visit www.grayslakeheritagecenter.com, 847-543-1745, or email mpoe@villageofgrayslake.com. For more information about the Grayslake Historical Society, visit www.grayslakehistory.org, 847-223-7663 or email charenehan@aol.com.

Happenings at the Grayslake Area Public Library

Behind the Beautiful Dress: Making Cloth and Clothing In the 19th Century: Thursday, April 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Explore cloth and clothing production in the 19th century and textiles' impact on pre-Civil War Life in Illinois.

Curbside Pickup Hours Expanded for Spring! Service hours are Monday - Thursday 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm. Checkout, books, movies, music, and more to pick up curbside! For more information go to www.grayslake.info or call 847-223-5313.

CLC James Lumber Center 25th Anniversary !

Hiplet Ballerinas - Sunday, April 24 @ 4 p.m. A spirited, eclectic dance ensemble that fuses classical pointe technique, Hip-Hop, African drums, Tchaikovsky and more!

Eileen Ivers – Sunday, May 8 @ 4 p.m. Special Mother's Day event! This Grammy Award-winning pioneer of Celtic Music will electrify in a boldly imaginative, virtuosic performance.

Visit <http://www.clcillinois.edu/tickets> call 847-543-2300 or email for more information: clcboxoffice@clcillinois.edu. Box Office Hours: Monday – Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

Lake County Fairgrounds Events

- Arts & Craft Show: Friday, 4/1 - Sunday, 4/3. \$5.00 admission, free parking.
- Garden Bros Circus: Thursday, 4/21 - Sunday, 4/24. Use the Peterson Road entrance.
- Home & Garden Expo: Saturday, 4/23 & Sunday, 4/24 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Windy City Cluster Dog Show: Thursday, 6/9 - Monday, 6/13 & Wednesday, 6/15 - Sunday, 6/19. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Pulling in the Prairie Tractor & Truck Pull: Saturday, 6/25 at 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Slammeduff Chicago Car Show: Sunday, 6/26 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$25 admission (kids 10 & under are free).

Elected Officials

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To see our major meeting schedule, please visit www.villageofgrayslake.com.